Financial Assistance to set up Palm Oil Mill in Andhra Ftadesh

2044. DR. Y, LAKSHMl PRASAD: SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked for financial assistance to set up a palm bil mill in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the assistance proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-intementation of RPDS in Assam

2045. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awari of non-implementation of revised Public Distribution System in Assam;

(f) if so, whether it will be implemented or not.

(c) if it will be implemented, then what is the timeframe; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRV' OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFi'AIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Government of Assam has imiplemented the Targeted PDS w.e.f. 1st of June, 1997.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Need of additional storage requirement during tlie Ninth Five Year Plan

2046. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of godowns of the Central Warehou'sing Corporations and State Warehousing Corporations along-with their storage capacity, State-wise;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has set up any working group to Jissets the need of additional Storage require ment during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details theroef alongwith the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSU MER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) As on 1-5-1997 Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) was operating 464 warehouses with a total capacity of 71.54 lakh MTs. Simi larly 16 State Warehousing Corporations (SWC) were operating 1380 warehouses with a total capacity of 111.14 lakh MTs. on the same date. State-wise storage capacity of CWC and SWCs are given in the Statements I & II respecti vely. (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group On "Strengthening of Agricultural Infrastructure, Warehousing, Marketing, Packaging, Rural Godowns, Rural Markets etc." for Ninth Five Year Plan, The recommendations of the Working Group would be taken into account by the Planning Commission in formulating the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Statement-I

State wise storage capacity with central warehousing corporation alongwith no. of warehouses as on 1.5.1997.

(,in lakh tonnes)

S.No	State/U.Ts.	No. of Warehouses	Capacity (Covered & CAP)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	54	11.01
2.		6	0.45
3.		16	156
4.		2	0.17
5.		26	*8.15*
6.		16	2.09
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2	0.05
8		22	1.94
9.		5	0.70
10.		39	6.85
11.		74	11.11
12.			—
13.		1	0.01
14.		1	0.13
15.		10	132
16.		31	6.19
17.		16	1.70
18.		26	6.08
19.		2	0.24
20.	Uttar Pradesh . . .	53	9.50
21.	West Bengal	46	5.55
22.		1	013
23.		14	1.50
24.	. .	1	0.11
	TOTAL :	464	71.54

Note .—Includes a capacity of 15.23 lakh tonnes hired out to FCI.

Statement-II

State-wise storage capacity with central warehousing corporations alongwith number of warehouses as on 1.5.1997.

(in lakh tonnes)

S.No.	State/U.Ts.	No. of Warehouses	Capacity (Covered & CAP)
1.	Andhra Pradesh . .	74	5 45
		39	2.34
			2.40
		49	1.51
			9 .95
			4 01
			1.91
			14.44
		129	8.80
		5	0.11
			2.25
			31.15
			4.96
14.	Tamil Nadu	62	6.21
			13.03
	. .	32	2.62
	TOTAL :	1380	111.14

Note .—Includes a capacity of 15.81 lakh tonnes hired out to FCI.

Rice Woitbi of Ks, 1400 crores missins fr(mi PDS

2047. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government Has been drawn to the news appeared in dion Express dated 3rd July, 1997 n the nee worth Rs. 1400 crores missing from the Public Distribuiiom System (PDS);

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet Committee ordered special audit into the discrepancy in rice stock figures of Food Ministry and FCI; and

(c) if so, the finding of that special audit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The